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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing in support of competitive internet providers. I personally choose to use Sonic as my provider because they have the best prices, best customer service, and provide solid internet access to my house. There are only a couple of other big providers in my area and they constantly raise prices and have poor service. I've used them in the past and I don't want to use them ever again.

As I understand it USTelecom, the trade association which represents some of the nations largest incumbent carriers has petitioned the FCC to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. USTelecom are claiming that residential consumers like me will not be affected, because there are no carriers like Sonic who use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements to compete in the residential marketplace.

This is patently false! I am a customer that would be materially affected by this change. Right now I depend on unbundled copper for my internet access and hopefully soon I will be able to have fiber once it's installed in my neighborhood. Allowing access to unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport creates a more competitive market where I can choose a provider that values my privacy and is more thrifty than the big internet providers.

I urge you to reject USTelecom's petition and continue to allow valuable competition in local ISPs. I value my relationship with Sonic and the internet service they provide. It's solid, it works all the time, and it's affordable.

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